



General Assembly

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**AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR AN INTERDISTRICT
MAGNET SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE INTERDISTRICT MAGNET
SCHOOL PER PUPIL GRANT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) Notwithstanding any
2 provision of title 10 of the general statutes, for the fiscal years ending
3 June 30, 2008, to June 30, 2012, inclusive, the Department of Education
4 shall conduct a pilot program for an interdistrict magnet school
5 district.

6 (b) An eligible applicant for the program pursuant to this section
7 shall be a local or regional school district that is a (1) district for a town
8 (A) with a population greater than twenty thousand, but not more than
9 thirty thousand, and (B) that is less than six square miles in area, in
10 which at least fifty per cent of the property is exempt from taxation
11 pursuant to chapter 203 of the general statutes, and (2) priority school
12 district pursuant to section 10-266p of the general statutes. Eligible
13 applicants may apply in such manner and at such time as the
14 Commissioner of Education prescribes.

15 (c) (1) The Commissioner of Education shall select one applicant
16 district for participation and designate the schools under the
17 jurisdiction of such district as interdistrict magnet schools for the
18 purposes of section 10-264h of the general statutes. No school in such

19 district shall be eligible to receive a grant pursuant to subsection (c) of
20 section 10-264l of the general statutes, as amended by this act, unless
21 such school operates as an "interdistrict magnet school program", as
22 defined in subsection (a) of said section 10-264l, and meets the
23 enrollment requirements pursuant to said subsection (a). Such district
24 shall be subject to the provisions set forth in subsections (f), (h) and (i)
25 of said section 10-264l.

26 (2) If such district does not, on or before June 30, 2012, meet the
27 enrollment requirements pursuant to subsection (a) of section 10-264l,
28 as amended by this act, as required by subdivision (1) of this
29 subsection, such district shall be liable to the state for repayment of the
30 amount representing the difference between the school building
31 project grant received pursuant to this section and section 10-264h of
32 the general statutes, and the grant such district would have otherwise
33 received pursuant to the provisions of section 10-286 of the general
34 statutes.

35 (d) Not later than January 1, 2010, the department shall, in
36 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
37 report on the progress of the district participating in the program
38 pursuant to this section in meeting the enrollment requirements
39 required pursuant to subsection (a) of said section 10-264l, and in
40 providing that each school under its jurisdiction operates as an
41 "interdistrict magnet school program" as defined in said subsection (a),
42 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
43 cognizance of matters relating to education.

44 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 10-264l of the general statutes is
45 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
46 *1, 2007*):

47 (c) (1) The maximum amount each interdistrict magnet school
48 program, except those described in subparagraph (A) of subdivision
49 (3) of this subsection, shall be eligible to receive per enrolled student
50 shall be determined as follows: [(A)] For each participating district

51 whose magnet school program enrollment is [equal to or less than
52 thirty] greater than fifty-five per cent of the magnet school program
53 total enrollment, [ninety per cent of the foundation as defined in
54 subdivision (9) of section 10-262f; (B) for each participating district
55 whose magnet school program enrollment is greater than thirty per
56 cent but less than or equal to sixty per cent of the magnet school
57 program total enrollment, a percentage between sixty and ninety per
58 cent of said foundation that is inversely proportional to the percentage
59 of magnet school program students from such district; and (C) for each
60 participating district whose magnet school program enrollment is
61 greater than sixty per cent but less than or equal to ninety per cent of
62 the magnet school program total enrollment, a percentage between
63 zero and sixty per cent of said foundation that is inversely
64 proportional to the percentage of magnet school program students
65 from such district] (A) six thousand sixteen dollars for the fiscal year
66 ending June 30, 2008, (B) six thousand seven hundred thirty dollars for
67 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, (C) seven thousand four hundred
68 forty dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, and (D) eight
69 thousand one hundred fifty-eight dollars for the fiscal year ending
70 June 30, 2011. The amounts so determined shall be proportionately
71 adjusted, if necessary, within the limit of the available appropriation,
72 and in no case shall any grant pursuant to this section exceed the
73 reasonable operating budget of the magnet school program, less
74 revenues from other sources. Any magnet school program operating
75 less than full-time but at least half-time shall be eligible to receive a
76 grant equal to sixty-five per cent of the grant amount determined
77 pursuant to this subsection.

78 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, and each fiscal year
79 thereafter, the commissioner may, within available appropriations,
80 provide supplemental grants for the purposes of enhancing
81 educational programs in such interdistrict magnet schools, as the
82 commissioner determines. Such grants shall be made after the
83 commissioner has reviewed and approved the total operating budget
84 for such schools, including all revenue and expenditure estimates.

85 (3) (A) Each interdistrict magnet school operated by a regional
 86 educational service center that enrolls less than fifty-five per cent of the
 87 school's students from a single town shall receive a per pupil grant in
 88 the amount of (i) six thousand two hundred fifty dollars for the fiscal
 89 year ending June 30, 2006, [and in the amount of] (ii) six thousand five
 90 hundred dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, [and for each
 91 fiscal year thereafter] (iii) seven thousand sixty dollars for the fiscal
 92 year ending June 30, 2008, (iv) seven thousand six hundred twenty
 93 dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, (v) eight thousand one
 94 hundred eighty dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, and (vi)
 95 eight thousand seven hundred forty-one dollars for the fiscal year
 96 ending June 30, 2011.

97 (B) Each interdistrict magnet school operated by a regional
 98 educational service center that enrolls at least fifty-five per cent of the
 99 school's students from a single town shall receive a per pupil grant in
 100 an amount that is at least three thousand dollars for the fiscal year
 101 ending June 30, 2006, and for each fiscal year thereafter.

102 (4) Within available appropriations, the commissioner may make
 103 grants to regional educational service centers that provide summer
 104 school educational programs approved by the commissioner to
 105 students participating in the interdistrict magnet school program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2007	New section
Sec. 2	July 1, 2007	10-2641(c)

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